

1 **Examiner Interview**

2 A telephonic interview was conducted on April 3, 2007 between Examiner
3 Gary J. Portka and Emmanuel Rivera. The discussion particularly addressed U.S.
4 Patent Application 6,430,576 to Gates et al (Gates). Gates is used by itself, or in
5 combination with other references in rejecting the claims in the Action.

6 It was pointed out to Examiner Portka, that Gates teaches that policy or
7 policies are applied to objects. A specific teaching in Gates is illustrated in the
8 Abstract of Gates – “To synchronize the objects, one or more embodiments of the
9 invention provide for the use of a policy that specifies conditions as to when
10 objects are synchronized”. Application of policies or associating policies to
11 objects is further discussed in reference to Fig. 3 of Gates (see col. 7 lines 1-14). It
12 was presented that the claims are directed to policies which apply to clients, not
13 objects as taught in Gates. Independent claims 1, 9, 15, 21, 26, and 34 have been
14 amended to further recite that a “policy applies to a client”. The clients taught by
15 Gates include objects; however, any policy that is applied is exclusive to the
16 object.

17 Because Examiner Portka recently was assigned this case, he indicated that
18 he would consider the amended claims in light of what is taught by Gates, and will
19 need to conduct a search. A request for continued examination (RCE) will be filed
20 by the Applicant.
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1 CONCLUSION

2 All pending claims 1-38 are in condition for allowance. Applicant
3 respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject
4 application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the
5 Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent
6 Action.

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8 Respectfully Submitted,

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